Chapter 3
(Middle Part)
NATURAL WATER
GENTLE MIZU WATER
To Owen.

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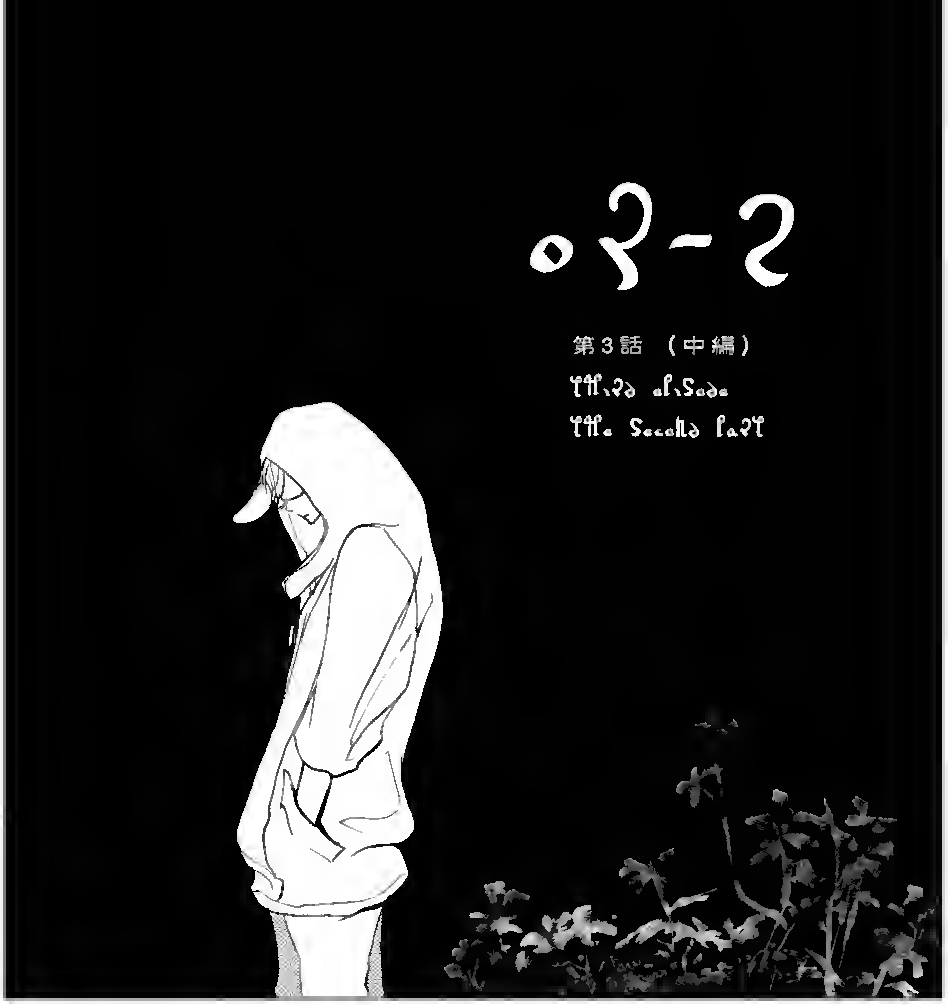

HAA
HAA
WHOOSH
BANG
SHOOT!!
JEREMY!

BANG
KRAVITZ!

YOU DID WELL, YOCHI
IT'S ALRIGHT
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? SHOULD WE KILL THEM HERE?
WE'LL LET THEM SEE THE HUMAN CHILDREN WE CAPTURED SUFFER THE SAME FATE
NO, WE'LL TAKE THEM TO THE VILLAGE
JUST KILLING THE ADULTS SHOULD BE ENOUGH
THE CHILDREN ARE NOT AT FAULT
THERE'S— NO NEED TO GO THAT FAR, IS THERE?

YOU CAN ONLY SAY THAT BECAUSE YOUR OWN CHILDREN HAVEN'T BEEN SACRIFICED YET, BEAT
KRAVITZ
THERE'S NOTHING TO LOSE BY KILLING THEM NOW
THE CHILDREN LEFT BEHIND WILL GROW UP TO BECOME THE HUNTERS
tweet tweet
I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL MEET ANY RABBITS
SO I MADE IT TO THE FOREST, BUT

RUSTLE
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RUSTLE
flinch
WHETHER I CAN DEFEND MYSELF OR NOT IS
THAT'S WHAT I'M HOPING FOR, BUT

THERE SHOULD BE A HIGH CHANCE OF THEM ATTACKING A HUMAN WALKING ALONE
IF THE SITUATION HAS GOTTEN THIS BAD, THOUGH

ANYWAY, FIRST I NEED TO FIND A RABBIT TO TALK TO

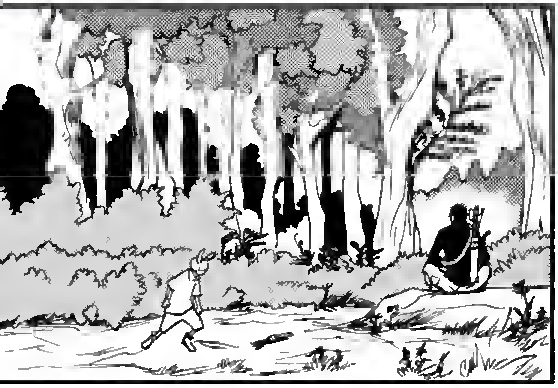
OH WELL
Places

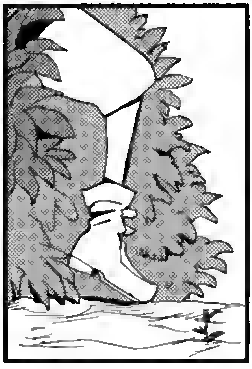
BUT WILL THEY REALLY BE LURED OUT BY SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

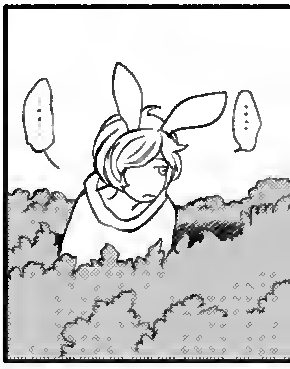
RUSTLE

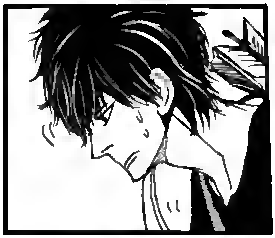
YOU CAN HAVE IT

Huuuh? What did I spend two days walking around for--?
CAUGHT SO EASILY









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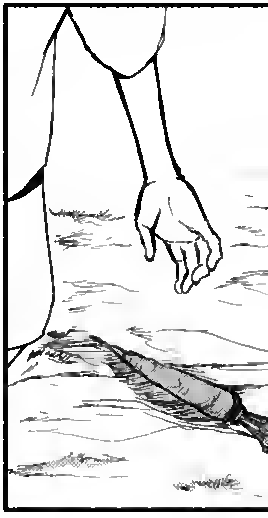
RUSTLE



WHAT'S WRONG ?
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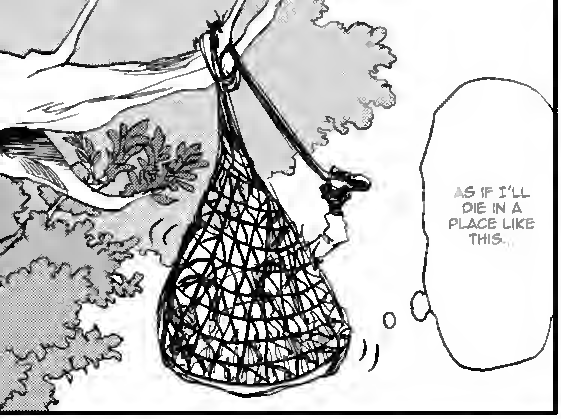
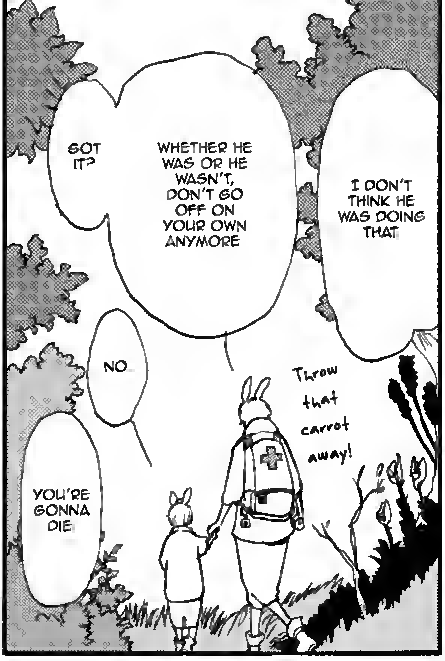
WOW
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ONE SO CLOSE
WHY AREN'T YOU ATTACKING ME?
ARE YOU NOT A HUMAN, ONII-CHAN?

I CAN
YOU... CAN TALK?
I'M LOOKING FOR MY GRANDFATHER.
MY GRANDPA IS THE SAME SPECIES AS YOU.
IS YOUR GRANDPA LOST?
NO... IF ANYTHING, I'M THE ONE WHO'S LOST
SO ONII-CHAN'S LOST
WELL, YEAH...
SNATCH

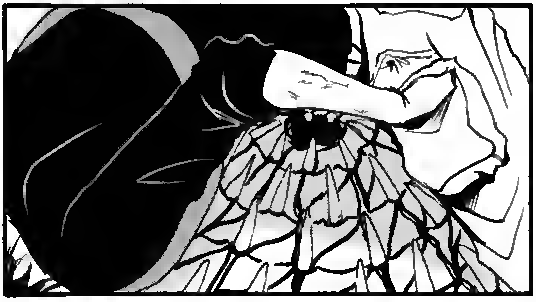
PLEASE WAIT!!
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!!
WAIT!!
I WON'T ATTACK YOU!
MY MOTHER'S THE SAME AS YOU GUYS!!
I HAVE THE SAME BLOOD FLOWING THROUGH ME!

FWSSHH
WAH!
AH!!
TRIP
I SAID WAIT~!!
WAIT!!
TADOTA, THAT PERSON ISN'T A HUMAN
I TOLD YOU NOT TO WANDER AROUND ON YOUR OWN
HE SAID THAT TO TRICK YOU AND LURE YOU AWAY
HE SAID HE'S LOOKING FOR HIS GRANDPA

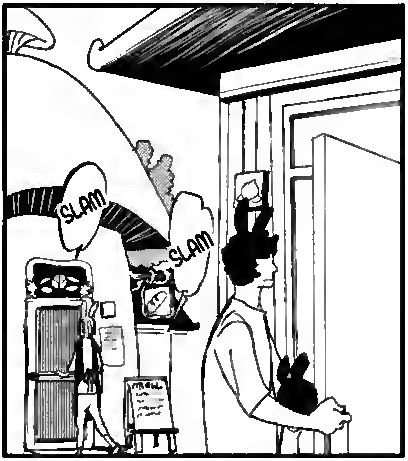

AS IF I'LL DIE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...


I DON'T THINK HE WAS DOING THAT
WHETHER HE WAS OR HE WASN'T, DON'T GO OFF ON YOUR OWN ANYMORE
GOT IT?
NO
YOU'RE GONNA DIE
Throw that carrot away!

SHIT!
THAT RABBIT BETTER NOT HAVE LURED ME INTO THIS TRAP ON PURPOSE



WHAT'S WRONG?
SLAM


SLAM
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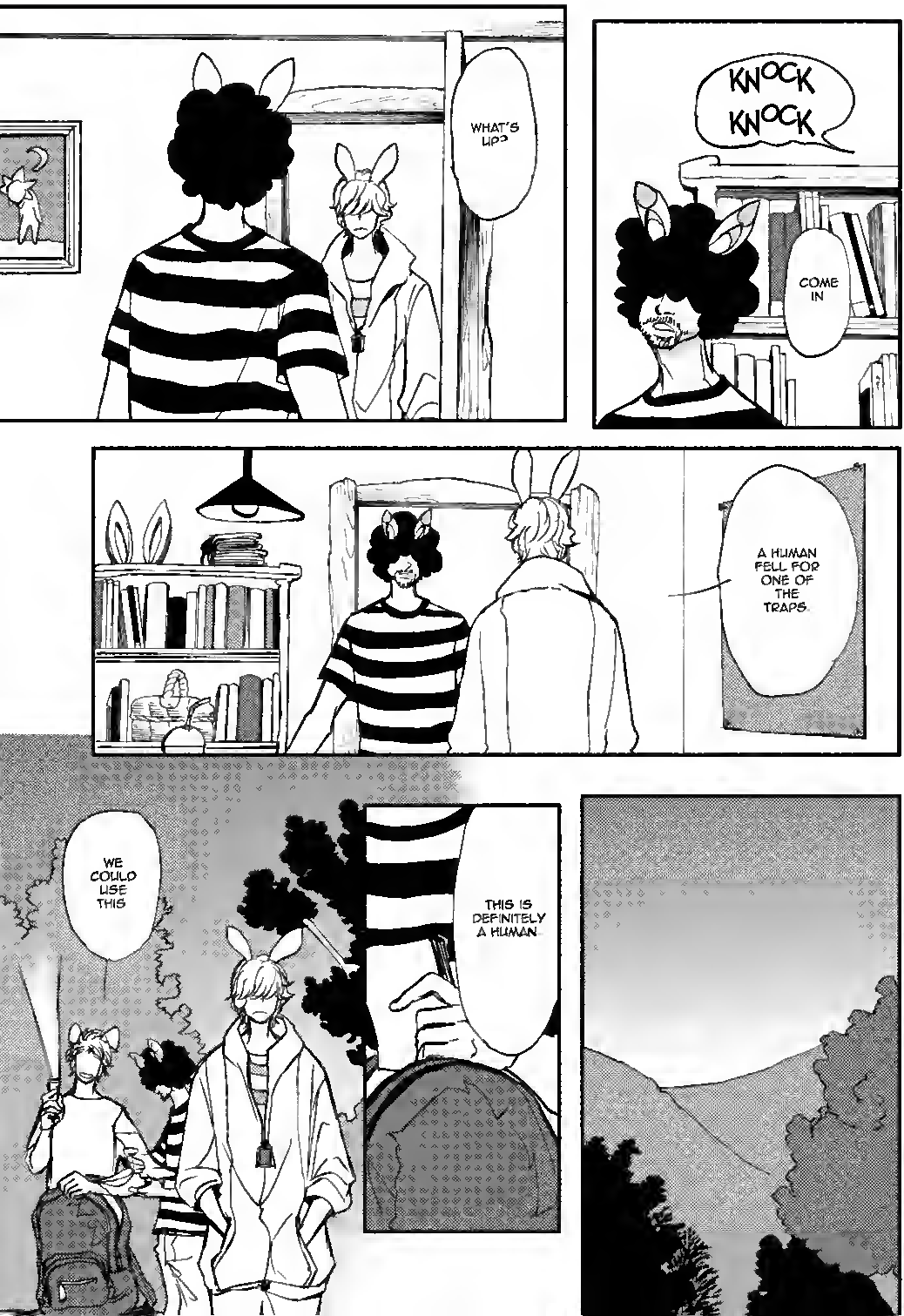
MAYBE WE'LL TURN THEM INTO SLAVES
YEAH, HUMAN KIDS SURE WORK HARD
WE ALREADY HAVE MORE HUMAN CHILDREN THAN WE CAN MANAGE WHAT DO WE DO?
THAT KRAVITZ BROUGHT MORE HUMANS HERE

LET'S GO, POP
ANOTHER HUMAN?
THAT'S RIGHT
THEIR SCREAMS SCARE THE CHILDREN SO SPARE US THE TROUBLE
IF YOU'RE GOING TO KILL THEM, DO IT OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE DON'T BRING HUMANS HERE

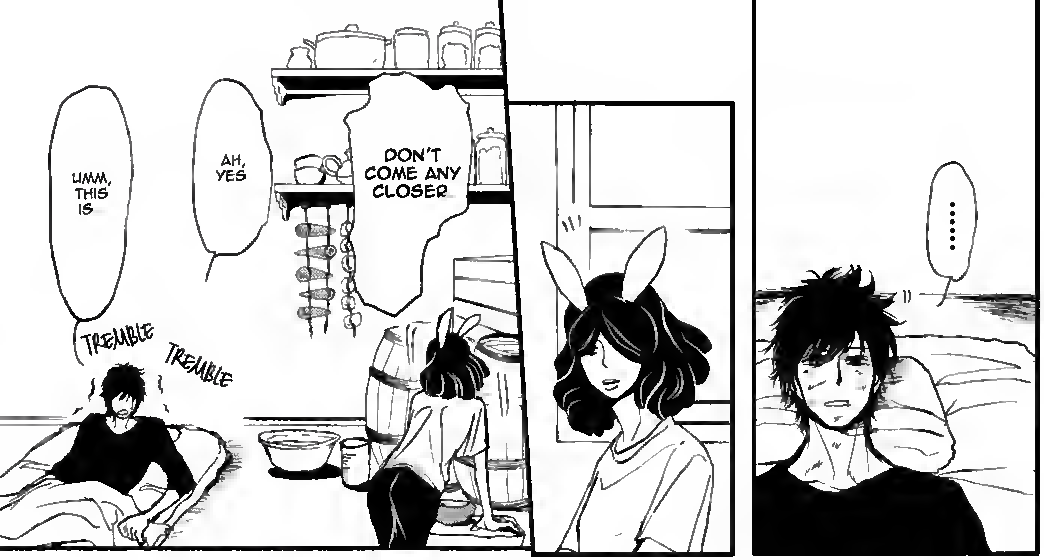
KRAVITZ, ARE YOU LISTENING?


WHAT'S UP?
KNOCK KNOCK
COME IN
A HUMAN FELL FOR ONE OF THE TRAPS.
THIS IS DEFINITELY A HUMAN.
WE COULD USE THIS

SOMETHING ABOUT HIS MOM BEING THE SAME AS US.
TADOTA, WHAT DID THAT HUMAN SAY TO YOU?
WHERE IS HE NOW?
YEAH
THIS GUY, RIGHT?
DIRECT FLIGHT

Ugh...
STILL ALIVE
KICK
HE MADE IT OUT OF THE TRAP, BUT HE'S BEEN DONE IN BY THE POISON
IRECT FLIGHT
GYAAA!!
PLEASE STOP!!
FORGIVE US!!
NO...
STOP!

WHAT...?
DON'T WAKE UP.
GRIND GRIND


UMM, THIS IS...
AH, YES
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
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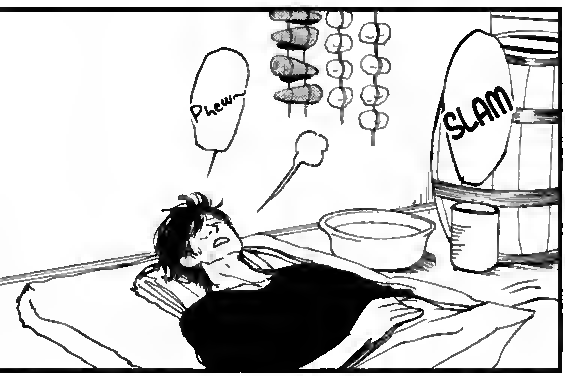
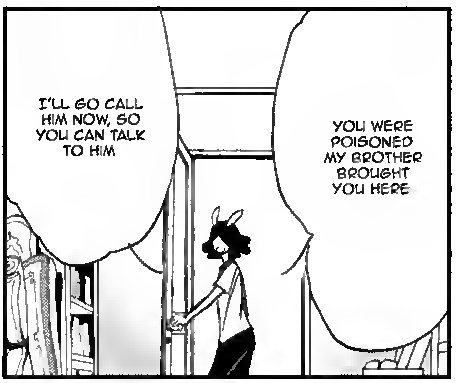
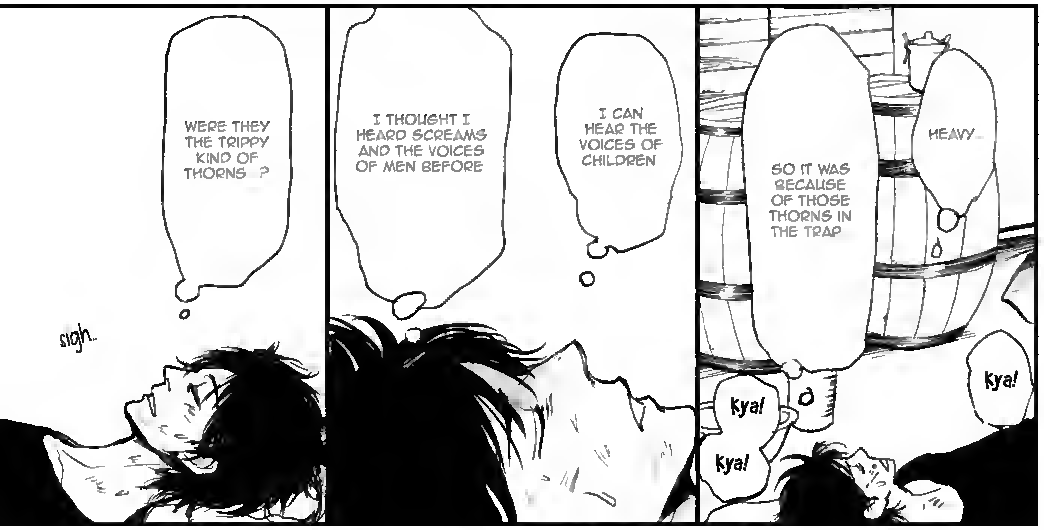
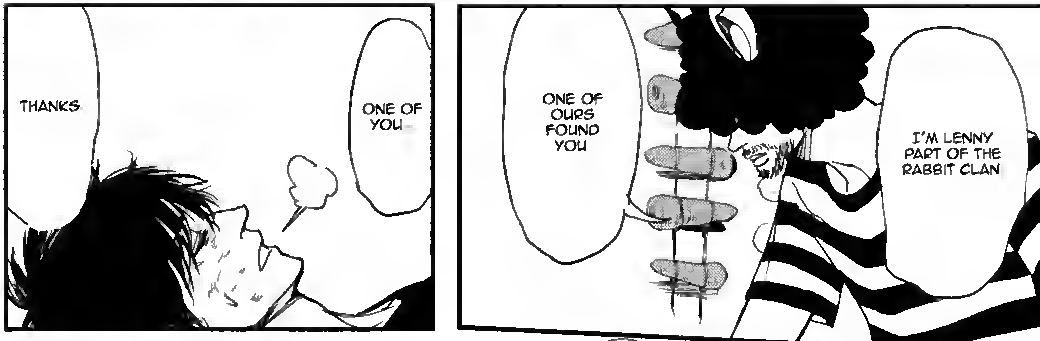

Phew~
SLAM!


I'LL GO CALL HIM NOW, SO YOU CAN TALK TO HIM
YOU WERE POISONED MY BROTHER BROUGHT YOU HERE


sigh..
WERE THEY THE TRIPPY KIND OF THORNS...?
I THOUGHT I HEARD SCREAMS AND THE VOICES OF MEN BEFORE
I CAN HEAR THE VOICES OF CHILDREN
SO IT WAS BECAUSE OF THOSE THORNS IN THE TRAP...
HEAVY...
Kya!
Kya!
Kya!

ARE YOU OWEN?
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
EXHAUSTED.
CAN YOU TALK?
YEAH...
ARE YOU A HALLUCINATION? I'VE BEEN SEEING EARS FOR A WHILE NOW.
These small ones...
YOU'RE NOT HALLUCINATING. I ACTUALLY HAVE EARS.


I'M LENNY PART OF THE RABBIT CLAN
ONE OF OURS FOUND YOU
ONE OF YOU...
THANKS.

THOUGH I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A GOOD THING THAT YOU'RE HERE IN THE VILLAGE
SORRY, BUT I LOOKED THROUGH YOUR BELONGINGS
I SAW THE LETTER.
IT SEEMED LIKE YOU WANTED TO TALK TO US, BUT WHO ARE YOU?

I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR MY GRANDFATHER AND FOR MY MOTHER'S SIBLINGS EVER SINCE
I'D BEEN AWAY FROM THE VILLAGE FOR A WHILE, AND WHEN I RETURNED I WAS LEFT THAT LETTER FROM MY MOTHER WHO PASSED AWAY
AS YOU READ IN THE LETTER, MY MOTHER CLAIMS THAT MY GRANDFATHER IS ONE OF YOUR KIND
MY FATHER IS IN CHARGE OF THE COBATORL TERRITORY
THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE
I WANT TO TALK TO THEM
WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN YOU FIND THEM?
IF I COULD CONNECT THE TWO GROUPS EVEN A LITTLE, I HAVE TO TRY
I DON'T KNOW IF ANYTHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT, BUT
YEAH, I'VE HEARD IT'S AWFUL
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE SITUATION BETWEEN US AND THE HUMANS IS LIKE RIGHT NOW?

I'VE BEEN KILLING MY OWN PEOPLE FOR A LONG TIME NOW
IT CAN'T BE HELPED IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME
DIDN'T YOU EVEN THINK ABOUT WHAT WE'D DO TO YOU IF WE THOUGHT YOU WERE LYING?
AND WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE NOW, WHO KNOWS IF ANYONE WILL EVEN SPEAK UP
WE DON'T KNOW IF YOUR RELATIVES LIVE HERE OR NOT...
I SHOWED THE LETTER AND YOUR MOTHER'S PHOTO TO THE VILLAGE CHIEF YESTERDAY
YEAH
Calm down. Don't move yet
Oww!
You'll help me look?

WHETHER WE LOOK FOR YOUR RELATIVES, OR EXPOSE YOU TO THE VILLAGE, I DON'T KNOW HOW THINGS WILL TURN OUT.
THERE ARE MIXED KIDS IN THIS VILLAGE
BUT EVERYONE'S TOO SCARED TO SAY SO
THAT, OR THEY WERE RAISED UNAWARE LIKE YOU
I ALSO HATED HUMANS, SINCE MY COUSIN WAS KILLED BY THEM.
BUT AFTER HEARING ALL THEIR DYING SCREAMS, I'VE STARTED TO QUESTION WHETHER WHAT WE'RE DOING IS ANY BETTER
TO BE HONEST, I'M UNSURE
THIS IS MY LITTLE SISTER, AI MEI. SHE'LL BE LOOKING AFTER YOU FROM NOW ON
THERE ARE ANTI-HUMAN EXTREMISTS IN THIS TOWN—
SO DON'T GO OUTSIDE FOR A WHILE
Drink this
It's bitter...
Drink.

BLEEERGH
DON'T COME TO MY HOUSE ALL DRUNK.
I'M NOT GOING
GO BACK TO YOUR OWN HOUSE ALREADY
COME HUNT THE HUMANS WITH US
YOUR HUNTING SKILLS ARE EXCEPTIONAL
YOU COME TOO, TADOTA

Once the cycle of war begins..

BECAUSE THEY HUNT US.

Because they assume that they can't survive if they don't
Despite that, humans persistently choose to get caught up in its trajectory...
Are you an idiot?
WHEN YOU GO OUTSIDE, PUT THESE ON.
YOU CAN WALK NOW
YEAH
YOU'RE A GUEST FROM AN OUTSIDE VILLAGE. GOT IT?

AMAZING!
Rrrrumble
COMMUNITY DRY
bed sheet
IT'S NO DIFFER-ENT TO HUMANS!!
Wai-!
THIS AREA YIELDS THE BEST STRAWBERRY HARVESTS EACH YEAR.
AMAZING? WELL YES, OUR VILLAGE IS AMAZING.
Human villages are similar though?
THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE AT ALL!!
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SHE'S TOTALLY FALLEN FOR ME
P-PLEASE LET GO!

Aha~n!
Bonjour Farms
From now on Helsinki will be looking after you!! Got it?!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
OOOOWEN!!
But like~ Sorry! sorry~
There, there.
I was at fault, too!!
Stop it, Onii-chan!!
WEAK MAN